NEW YEAR'S IN CHINA.

Side of the Globe.

New Year's Day as a Settlement Day, and How It Prevents Great Business Failures. New Clothes for New Year's - A Nation in Silks-The Chinese Annual Scrubbing. How the People Make New Year's Calls, and Something as to Their New Year's Year as the Universal Birthday-Its Fireetackers-The Emperor's New Year,

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HAPPY New Year! While we are celebrating it at home let us see how our yellow-faced cousins, the children of our great-grandnucle Shem, are getting ready for it on the other side of the globe. Bore a hole 8,000 miles long through your front-door yard,

and you will come out among the Celestials. Bhoot your eyes through it if you can, and see me in one of the great Chinese cities. All is bustle, and the rush and push of the millions of pig-tailed, almond-eyed mortals fills the air with its din, and the jabber, Jabber, jabber of tens of thousands of Chinese which you can bear the sounds of the other side of the world.

to pay New Year's calls upon his friends.

These New Year calls are a matter of etiquet in China as they once were here, and no one would think of going out to make visits on this day Cards and Presents-The First Day of the | without a new suit of clothes. Even the poorest of the people try to have new suits on New Year's Day, and those who can't afford to buy them hire them. The China of New Year's is a



turn out in silks and satins, and the servants and the masters are, for that day, dressed much the same. The Chinese are lovers of the good casion. These are 10 times as big as our cards, Let me squat at the Chinese end of the tele- and their names are printed in tea-box charphone and tell you what the people are doing. acters upon them. The color of the Chinese It takes time to analyze the sounds and to ap- visiting card is red, the color of good luck, and preciate the sights, but I will try. The Chinese | a white card on New Year's Day would in are getting ready for New Year's. The first | China be looked upon as a card with a black day of the first moon is the great day of the | band around it is viewed in the United States; year to these 300,000,000 of people. The moon | for white is the Chinese color for mourning. varies in its rising, and this day is from two to | The Chinese New Year's cards have, in addition four weeks later than our New Year's. So, while | to the names of the owners, New Year's wishes, you are cating your New Year's dinner all and these are not simply " A Happy New Year," China is getting ready for hers. While you are | but characters expressing the hope that the restarting new books China is settling up her old | cipient may have many children, may attain a ones, and this whole Mongolian world is pre- high rank, and live many years. Such cards paring for a grand feast, and for its greatest | are, however, left with only intimate friends or holiday time. China has no Christmas. It has relatives. The Chinese are particular as to few feast days. Its people work Sunday and | matters of a social nature, and one would not every day all the year round, with the excep- be so familiar with a mere acquaintance. It is



STREET IN SHANGHAL

here are even better observed than in the | cards to acquaintances, and merchants send

Just now the struggle is to get enough money to start the New Year in good style. Every are the boors of the world. The people of the man, woman, and child wants a new suit of Far East are more ceremonious than we are in decide to settle their public debts as well? For clothes and enough for his New Year's dinner, all matters of social observance. In meeting and his New Year's presents. Therefore every- on New Year's Day each Chinaman pretends to one is working now as he never worked before, be more humble than his friend. He shakes ing but not paying. The Emperor, a Tartar until late in the evening of Sunday, Dec. 27. In the fields and in the shops the work goes on | his own hands together in way of greeting and mutil after dark, and late at night the lights | bows himself to the earth. He says "Kung are barning in the stores, and these hardest | Hi, Kung Hi," or "Sin Ki! Sin Ki!" which of all the hard workers of the world doing | means "I respectfully wish you joy," or " May double duty. This is the great time for the a new joy be yours." Everyone tries to be bargain counter. Stocks of merchandize are happy and joyful on New Year's, and the streets being everywhere sacrificed to make the mer- are full of well-dressed people bowing and chants come out even, and to enable them to scraping and giving New Year's greeting. pay all their debts before New Year's Day.

The holiday season is China's grand settlement time. Account of stock is taken in all | is like our Fourth of July. Everyone has his the stores, and business men expect their cus. | package of firecrackers, and they are set off on tomers to pay up. Duns by the millions are I the street and everywhere till the air is blue new being sent out through all parts of China, | with smoke, New Year's night is noisy with and a settlement of some kind must be made | the explosion of crackers, and the day is ushered between each debtor and creditor. Notes may in with the ringing of bells, the beating of be extended, and only a partial payment agreed gongs and the playing of music. Bands of upon, but there must be a settlement of some | music goabout all New Year's day and for about kind. This is the season of bankruptcy and | two weeks thereafter, playing before the doors



FORTY AND FOUR.

failure. Men who have been losing throughout the year now find their debts crowding in upon them, and if they cannot make a satisfactory snowing they must put up their shutters and take down their big gold signs. The Chinese are noted for their business honor. The merchants and tradesmen of every class have guilds or unions of their own, and a bankrupt has not the chance in China that he has in Enrope or America. His standing is sure to be tested at least once a year, and great failures are almost an impossibility. Creditors are by no means backwards in expressing their demands, and the collectors are out in force. When payment is refused the creditors sometimes pull a man's door from its binges, and as this is the season of beggars his stock of goods is at the mercy of the rabble. For these reasons everyone in China is now preparing to pay his debts, and old loans are being replaced by new ones. Money is high, and usurious rates are charged. The pawnbrokers, who are among the legalized bankers of every city, are reaping a big barvest, and all kinds of valuables are deposited as collateral. From now until the Chinese New Year's many a stock of goods will be offered at cost, and the Chinese can buy their holiday presents at a better rate than we

And do the Chinese give New Year's gifts? Yes, indeed! They are more generous in this respect than we are. For a week following New Year's Day there is nothing but feasting and present giving. The narrow streets of every town will soon be filled with servants carrying presents from one family to another, gratulations of his ministers, and will hold a and the servants themselves always receive levee with the ladies of his harem. In the ent among equals is a loose-skinned orange, to this all the nobility of China will sit down.

New Year's Day is the birthday of all known as the Mandarin orange, which has the same name in China as the word for good luck, the Chinese; all of these three or four hunand which is given as indicating good wishes | dred millions of people will have a birthon the part of the giver. Merchants usually day within a few weeks. A Chinese baby send presents to their customers, and many is a year old on the first New Year's The Holiday Festivities of the Other gifts are interchanged among business firms. after its birth, and one year older on every I know of many foreigners in China who get | New Year's thereafter. In this way the ages presents of value from their Chinese friends of all the Chinese are computed, and the tens of every New Year, and among the gifts received | thousands of babies who will be born between are elegantly-engraved silver mugs or cups. A | now and New Year's will have a big start over pair of new shoes is a common gift among the | the older babies who saw light ten months ago. poorer classes, and nearly every one goes out | The Chinaman can combine his New Year's

well-dressed China. Millions of the people



things in this life. Though they work hard, tongues makes your long hole a telephone by they are fond of luxury, and they spend as much on their clothes as we do. They have their New Year's cards prepared for the oction of the New Year's season, and the holidays common, however, to send ordinary New Year's Day is the most lucky day for weddings

Speaking of their politeness, we Westerners

The New Year is also to the small boy of

China his great firecracker day, and in this it

of the people, and the whole Chinese nation ap-

pears mad with joy. This jollification is con-

tinued by the various classes as long as they

can afford it, the rich sometimes giving a month

and more to their holiday festivities. The

New Year's Festival of the Dragon Boats is cele-

of every door. The public buildings are il-

Year's Day, and the officers of the Government

hold receptions much like our President does

at the White House. The Emperor, however,

over the Empire by bowing down before a

people, and his name, "the Son of Heaven,"

brated as such. All Peking unites in cele-

brating this, and the young boy monarch will

be re-enthroned on New Year's. He will make

their busiest season during the holidays. If, in starting out for New Year's calling, you meet a good-looking man you will have good luck, but if the first person you meet is a woman your luck will be bad. Almost everything | Lee. The credentials were read and Mr. Merethat happens on the day is ominous, and the professional astrologers and the diviners do a The Chinese New Year is above all a day of it. The shops are all shut, and in case of agreed to; after which the House adjourned the public offices, these remain shut for the | until Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1892. three weeks. Everyone from boy to old man feels on that day he that has gotten a new lease of life, and that the future is going to be better

Just now, however, China fears rather than hopes for the future. Here at the telephonic of rebellion going on among these Chinese holpeople against their rulers and their oppresthe jargon of debtors and creditors. The Chiness are settling their individual debts among themselves. They are squaring their private



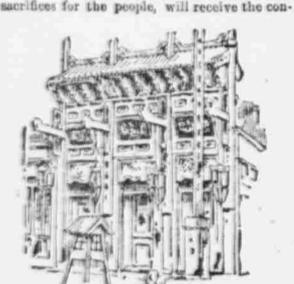
Chinese dragon forms a part of many of the it would seem that the New Year's Day o street parades, and wherever there is any water settlement was at hand. If the account could or a river connected with a city, the Great | be closed with a reorganization of the Government; if purity and progress could, under a brated. This occurs the fifth day after New | new and able ruler, take the place of corrup-Year's, and it consists of boat races and water tion and ignorance, then the coming New sports in celebration of a famed Chinese hero | Year's Day would be for China a happy New who was drowned. The Feast of the Lanterns Year indeed, and the land would receive in its takes place 10 days later, and at this time | development the realization of the desires of bright-colored paper lanterns are hung in front | the merchant who, as I told you, has posted over his door a prayer that his gains may be uminated, and at Peking there is a great celeone thousand for one.

Agents wanted. Comrades preferred. See page 4. The Government of China recognizes New

During the week 7,228 claims were received, is too holy to receive the common people, and of which 115 were original invalid, 286 widows, he lets only the men of the Imperial House- 8 bounty land, 26 navy, 40 old war, 180 accrued, land are supposed to do this, and they do it all and 1,373 prior applications under former acts. Number of claims received to date under act throne made in imitation of the Emperor's and of June 27, 1890, 743,787. Claims disposed of symbolizing him. On each of these thrones to date under said act, 310,221.

they paste the words" May the Emperor Live 10 Number of rejected claims reopened, 777. times 10,000 Years," and they go to the Em- | The names and postoffice addresses of 2,939 peror's temple, which exists in nearly every | comrades were furnished for the use of claim-Chinese city, to do him homage. The Emperor ants. There were 109,452 pieces of mail matter of China is the priest as well as the King of his received; 83,102 letters and blanks sent out. Number of cases detailed to Special Examshows the regard in which the people hold iners, 299; reports and cases from Special Ex-

Report of certificates issued: Original, 2,841;



STORE DRESSED FOR NEW YEAR'S.

gifts and his birthday gifts, and can congratulate himself on his economical plan of having his Fourth of July, his Christmas, and his New Year's all on the same day. If he wants to honor his brother he can call his New Year's feast a birthday dinner in celebration of him, and he can call his New Year's gift a birthday

The preparation for New Year's which is now going on over China extends to houses and stores as well as to clothes. Everything is cleaned and scrubbed. The walls of the houses are washed and re-decorated, and the stone floors are made to shine like those of a Dutch kitchen. Many of the houses are repaired, signs are regilded and painted, and everything is cleaned up for the New Year. The night before New Year's, on the doors of the houses and upon the walls of the interior, are pasted or hung up New Year's mottoes and prayers. These are printed in big letters on red strips of paper, and they are of all sizes and of curious character. Some contain sentences from the Chinese classics. Others bear the word "Fuh," which means happiness, and over many of the doors of stores you see strips of paper pasted reading thus: "May the Five Blessings descend in this Door," or "Peace to Him who Enters or Departs." On one in Canton last year was a card which asked the gods to give the merchant big profits, and read : "With a principal of one may I have a gain of a thousand," Another was as follows: "May this store have are similar inscriptions, and each man has a piece of poetry or wisdom or a prayer especially people put slips of paper bearing their prayers on their boats, farmers put theirs on the trees and farm implements, and a student may hang up a prayer for learning and wisdom. There is such a demand for these cards at New Year's that the writing of them is a business, and scribes with their ink-pot and brushes and bun- | Department. dles of red cards, sit at tables in the streets and paint them to order.

The Chinese New Year has its superstitions even to a greater extent than ours has. Some of the people believe that if they bathe themselves all over the night before New Year's with warm water in which certain kinds of leaves have been boiled they will not be sick throughout the year. They think that New or engagements, and the matchmakers have

than was the past. Boys run through the streets yelling out the sentences: "We want to sell our bad habits. Who will buy?" And as in the paying up of debts, so in the reformation of character every one feels that he has gotten free from his evil obligations as to habits and actions, and for the holidays at least feels that he is to be a new man, and that the sun of his moral, intellectual and financial prosperity is

centuries their officials have been squeezing the life out of them. They have been promisand a stranger, has been incurring debts which



Work of the Pension Office,

him. The Emperor's reign always dates from aminers, 309; cases on hand for special examination, 4,499. dies in the middle of the year, is supposed to

finish out his year. Every New Year's Day is thus the nominal anniversary of the accession total, 3,927. Total number of claims pending, of the Emperor to the throne, and it is cele- 871,000.



turing, disfiguring, humiliating, itching, burning, sleeding, scaly, crusted, pluply, or blotchy, with loss of bleeding, scaly, crusted, pimply, or blotchy, with loss of hair, from pimples to the most distressing eczemas, and every humor of the blood, whether simple, scrofulous, or hereditary, is speedily, permanently, and economically cured by the CUTICURA RESIDIES, consisting of CUTICURA, the great Skin Cure, CUTICURA SOAP, an exquisite Skin Purifier and Beautifier, and CUTICURA Resolvers, the new Blood and Skin Purifier and greatest of Humor Remedies, when the best physicians and all other remedies fail. This is strong language, but true. Thousands of grateful testimonials from infancy to age attest their wonderful, unfailing and incomparable efficacy.

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Pimples, blackheads, chapped and offy skin "68 prevented by Curroura Soar. "68 Rheumatism, Kidney Pains, and Muscular presents from their masters. A common present among equals is a loose-skinned orange, to this all the nobility of China will sit down. Weakness relieved in one minute by the Current among equals is a loose-skinned orange,

An Abstract of the More Important Proceedings in Both Houses.

TUESDAY, DEC. 22. In the Senate Mr. Leland Standford, of California (re-elected), took the oath of office as

Senator. The Senate took up and passed the resolution for the employment of an additional force, to be paid out of the Contingent Fund of the Senate. This force is made necessary by the purchase of the Maltby Houseby the Government, which is to be used for Committee rooms for Senate Committees. The force is only to be employed during the session of Congress.

The Senate then took up and passed the concurrent resolution of the House of Representatives, that when the two Houses adjourn on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1891, they stand adjourned until Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1892.

Mr. McMillan introduced the following resolution, which was agreed to: Resolved, That the Senate has heard with deep usibility the announcement of the death of Hon. Melbourne II, Ford, late a Representative from the State of Michigan. Resolved, That the Secretary communicate this

resolution to the House of Representatives. Mr. McMillan then, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, moved that the Senate adjourn; which was agreed to. The House was not in session to-day.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23. But little business was transacted by the Senate besides the introduction of bills and resolutions. The President sent two messages, the first forwarding a report of the Board appointed by him to consider the location, arrangement, and operation of electric wires in the District of Columbia, to which he invites the attention 10,000 rich customers." And a third: "May of Congress; and the second, in which he apmy year be a bountiful one." Inside the houses | points a Board to bring about a uniform usage and spelling of geographic names in the pullications of the Government, and appoints the fitted to himself and his business. The boat | following gentleman members of the Board: Prof. Thomas C. Mencienhall, United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, Chairman. Andrew H. Allen, Department of State.

Capt. Henry L. Howison, Light-House Board, Treasury Department. Capt. Thomas Turtle, Engineer Corps, War Lieut. Richardson Clover, Hydrographic Of-

fice, Navy Department. Pierson H. Bristow, Postoffice Department. Otis T. Mason, Smithsonian Institution. Herbert G. Ogden, United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Henry Gannett, United States Geological Marcus Baker, United States Geological Sur-

After a short Executive session the Senate adjourned until Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1892. In the House, Mr. O'Ferrall (Va., D.) presented the certificate of election of Hon. Elisha E. Meredith, who was elected a Representative from the Eighth Virginia District to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Gen. W. H. F. dith took the oath prescribed by law.

The Speaker then announced the appointment of the Standing and Select Committees of the House. Mr. Meredith (Va., D.) announced the death iollity and good resolutions, and neither the of Gen. W. H. F. Lee, and introduced the cus-Government nor the people do any work on | tomary resolutions, which were unanimously

> Agents wanted, Comrades preferred, See page 4. MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

Sangulnary Engagements on Both Sides of the Rio Grande.

The forces of the Garza revolutionists in northern Mexico and on the Texas side of the Rio Grande are rapidly increasing. Numerous detachments are moving toward Camargo, Mexico, where they propose to concentrate and proceed in a body to the interior of the Republic. There was another engagement on Dec. 26-between Garza's followers and a regiment of was at long range, the Mexican troops being on their own side of the river, while the Garza tube to the United States I hear the mutterings | troops were on Texas soil. One Government soldier was killed, and a number of men on both iday preparations. The news of the insurrec- sides were badly wounded. The revolutionists, tions of the north, the dissatisfaction of the | 200 strong, were making for Camargo, and were sion, and the hatred of the Chinese for their by the Government troops. The Garza forces Tartar overseers and rulers, are mixed with | retreated, keeping up a running fight, escaping across the river into Texas, making a bold stand on the northern bank of the river.

Owing to lack of protection to the border by books to meet the New Year. May they not | United States troops, the movement of the revowas over, and their bold violation of the neutrality laws was not known to the authorities The War Department telegraphed Gen. D. S. Stanley, commanding Department of Texas, to take immediate and decisive steps toward putting down the troubles on this side of the Rio

Grande. Capt. Hardie, 3d U. S. Cav., is reported as being in pursuit of some 200 revolutionists who have been camping and recruiting near Encinal, Tex. Capt. John G. Bourke, 3d U. S. Cav., who is in command of Fort Ringgold, has not been heard from in two days, and orders from superior officers at San Antonio have been unable to reach him, which leads to the belief that the telegraph wires have been cut between Rio Grande City and Brownsville, and that he is surrounded by the revolutionists.

Quite a number of Texas Rangers have been detailed by Gov. Hogg to assist the Regulars in protecting the Texas border from invasion by the revolutionists, and as there is little love between Mexicans and Texans, should they | 23, a resolution was carried favoring political come across each other, there is a chance that considerable blood may be shed. Agents wanted. Comrades preferred. See page 4.

A Negro Murderer Hunted with Hounds. While on a train near Lake Hane, in Lake County, Fla., on Sunday morning, Dec. 27, a negro named Thomas Mike shot and instantly killed J. E. Parramore, a conductor on the Florida Central & Peninsular Railroad, Mike got into the white passenger coach, and when the conductor came around taking up tickets he requested the negro to go into the colored people's car. The negro became insulting, and was ordered peremptorily to move into the other car, which he did finally. When the conductor entered the colored people's car Mike got up out of his seat, drew his revolver, advanced until within three feet of the conductor, and shot him in the back of the head behind the right ear, killing him instantly. Mike then jumped from the train and took refuge in the woods. The train ran back to Leesburg, where hold and his chief officers come in and how and 3,214 applications for increase; act of ately raised a posse of nearly 1,000 men, who down before him. All the Mandarins of the June 27, 1890, 1,803 original invalid, 483 widows, are scouring the woods for the murderer. They have six blood-hounds with them, and as the man has only a small, three-cornered piece of land to conceal himself in, he will undoubtedly be captured. The negroes of Leesburg are out also with their Winchesters, saying they will protect the murderer, and the Governor has ordered out a company of militia to preserve the peace. If caught, the negro will probably be lynched.

Agents wanted, Comrades preferred. See page 4. Ex-Senator Hereford Bead.

Ex-Senator Frank Hereford died at his home in Monroe County, W. Va., on Wednesday, Dec. 23, of pneumonta. Mr. Hereford was born in Fauquier County, Va., July 4, 1825. He received a collegiate education and chose the law as his profession. He went to California shortly after gold was discovered, and practiced law in Sacramento. He served as Attorney for Sacramento County for several years and became prominently identified with the politics of the State. After the war he returned to Union, W. Va., and in 1870 was elected as a Democrat to the 42d Congress, and was reelected to the 43d and 44th Congresses. In 1877 he was elected to fill the unexpired term of Senator Caperton in the United States Senate, caused by the latter gentleman's death. He was Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, and was an able an faithful worker in the Senate. He was defeated for re-election by Hon. J. N. Camden.

Agents wanted. Comrades preferred. See page 4. His Mind Gave Way.

At the funeral of Mrs. A. M. Baldwin, who was killed in the recent accident on the New York Central Railroad at Hastings, N. Y., which took place in New York City on Sunday, Dec. 27, Homer Baldwin, a son of the deceased woman, became greatly affected and at last his mind gave way, and he had to be taken from the room. It is feared that the young man has utterly lost his reason.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Crimes and Casualties.

rived on the Britannic two weeks ago and put of convicts are working on the Trans-Siberian up at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York .---Alfred Madden and James Lakeman were in the Brooklyn (N. Y.) police court last week, cus Hirsh to put upon an election bonfire. Merchant Hirsh claimed that the case contained two mummies of Egyptian princes, the only ones of the kind outside of Pharaoh's land. He said they had cost him \$1,000 in elephants' | these undesirable railroad laborers. - The tusks, and had come over on the steamer City | priests in Persia still maintain against the use | spices of the Battle Monument Association, of Alexandria. There was also a large and valnable piece of coral worth \$500, and an oyster shell with a sponge growing inside, destroyed. -On Dec. 23 two Williamsburg physicians were performing a delicate operation upon a Mrs. Reiss, of Brooklyn. Her husband made his appearance, armed with a loaded double-barreled shotgun. Pointing the weapon at the Doctors' heads he declared that if his wife died he would kill both of them. For two hours he kept the physicians in terror. Meanwhile the patient was in such a critical condition that they had all they could do to prevent her from sinking .- A destructive fire occurred Dec. 23in St. Louis in a large frame tenement. Two terrible explosions wrecked one of the rooms. An investigation disclosed the fact that two dynamite bombs had been secreted between the walls of the building. A bed saturated with kerosene was at the place fired. No reason is assigned for the deed .--- W. R. Laidlaw, the broker's clerk, has sued the millionaire Russell Sage for \$100,000 damages for using him as a shield to save himself from the bomb exploded by the crank Norcross in Sage's office, New York, Dec. 4. The suit will be based upon the allegation that Sage deliberately held Laidlaw between himself and the menacing dynamiter, with the result that Sage's life was saved at the expense of terrible injuries to Laidlaw. Mr. Laidlaw is still an inmate of St. Vincent's Hospital,-In Waverly, Ill., fire on Dec. 24 destroyed nearly the entire business portion. Gasoline exploding in a drugstore caused the conflagration. Loss \$60,000 .- The Myton and Hutchinson, Kan., was destroyed by fire last week. Loss \$150,000 .- In Chicago a fire broke out in the factory of the L. Wolff Manufacturing Co. Dec. 24. Loss \$200,000. --- A man carrying a black bag stepped in the office of T. Cousins's shoe factory in Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 25, and approaching Manager J. B. Sayre exclaimed: "Give me \$2,500 or I will drop this pag." Visions of Russell Sage danced before Sayre's eyes, and he quickly gave the man a check, payable to G. A. Franze, and bowed his visitor out. - Percy Smith, of Salem, Mass., cut one of his hands recently quite severely, and to avoid taking cold kept the hand incased in one of a pair of new dogskin gloves. His arm and hand soon commenced to swell, and a | the first annual report of the Board on Geophysician who was called believed it to be a graphic Names, to which is referred all unsetcase of poisoning, probably from some arsenical | tled questions arising in the Departments conpreparation used in tanning the skin of which | cerning the orthography and nomenclature of the glove was made. - A great fire in Chat- | geographic names. The decisions of the Board | tanooga, Tenn., Dec. 26, consumed over a mil- are accepted by the Departments as the standlion dollars worth of property. Twelve girls and authority in such matters. The first were burned to death in the large retail dry- 12 inch gun ever made at the Washington goods house where the fire started, their escape | Naval Ordnance Foundry was tested at the being cut off. The Mayor telegraphed to At- proving grounds at Indian Head, Md., last lanta, Knoxville, and Nashville, and those cities | week. Five shots were fired in all, and the sent on their departments as fast as possible, but | best results are stated as follows: 430-pound little could be done. - Eleven persons were | charge, 860-pound projectile, 1,941 feet initial killed Dec. 24 at Hastings-on-the Hudson, N. velocity, and 13 7-10 tons pressure. The pow-Y., New York Central Railroad, by the rear- | der tried was the brown variety, furnished by end collision of the St. Louis express with a the DuPonts. With the same powder and a Buffalo special, which was Iging back for a train | gun of equal caliber, the best results so far oba mile ahead being repaired. Brakeman Al- tained by the army are as follows: 440-pound bert E. Herrick, who had been sent back to charge, 1,000 pound projectile, 1,881 feet initial signal the express, stopped to talk to the Sta- velocity, 34,000 pounds pressure, -In New tionmaster, and so the disaster was due to his York, on Dec. 23, Mr. James G. Blaine, jr., met carelessness. He has escaped. Foreign.

rived in Southampton Dec. 22 with the crew of | pending divorce proceedings. After considerthe Guion Line steamer Abyssinia. On Dec. able discussion the offer was rejected. Mrs. 18, outward bound from New York, the cotton | Blaine, jr., will now go on to Dakota, where she in the hold of the Abyssinia took fire and the | hopes to obtain a divorce. --- An attempt is to vessel burned to the water. No lives were lost | be made by a nephew of Miss Mary Harden, to Mexican troops near Carrizo, Texas. The fight | and the people were rescued by the Spree .--Gen. E. Kochanoff, Governor of Wilhadi, Rus- copy of "Home, Sweet Home," to break her sia, has decreed the closing of all Roman Catho- will. Miss Harden died a few years ago. She lic and Lutheran churches in St. Peters- left her property to Miss Evie Harden Jackson, burg .- It is said that this is only a prelude to and directed that the manuscript of " Home, further restrictive measures .- The Board of Sweet Home" be buried with her. This was Agriculture returns for 1891 show the product not done, and the manuscript has disappeared. some distance from the border when attacked | tion of wheat in England during the year to be | It is believed the manuscript is behind the will 72,127,263 bushels; barley, 72,129,095; oats, contest, and that it will be rediscovered.-112,386 261. In 1890 the production was: wheat, 73.354,484; barley, 73,933,801; cats, 120,188,046. predicted that the world would come to an end The crops of 1891 have been generally inferior on Christmas, 1891, at 5 p. m., spent the day at in quality and condition .- It is now decided | her house behind closed doors. She refused to that the Czarina will visit France in February, | see any of her numerous callers. In response lutionists was not known until after the fight | It is expected that her Majesty will arrive | to an inquiry sent to her room, she wrote: at Brest on board a private yacht, which will be escorted by a Russian ironclad. The Czarina will then proceed to Paris by the Russian imperial train, which will be brought from Spain for her use. Her advent in the French Capital will be commemorated by elaborate fetes given in her honor .--It has been officially announced in London that the marriage of Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, to Princess Victoria Mary of Teck, will take place on the 27th of February. The ceremony will be performed in St. George's Chapel, at Windsor Castle. - The result of the election which took place at Waterford, Ireland, for a member of Parliament to succeed the late Richard Power, was made known, and to the surprise of political prophets, John E. Redmond, the Parnellite candidate, easily defeated the McCarthyite representative, Michael Davitt, John E. Redmond (Parnellite), 1,775; Michael Davitt (McCarthyite), 1,229. --- At a public meeting held in Innorkin, Ontario, Pec. union with the United States as a means of bringing prosperity to the people of Canada.---The life of Pope Leo XIII., is fast waning. His physicians give him six months longer. It would seem that Cardinals Monaco, LaValleta, and Parocchi stand the best chance. The fact that there is so much wire pulling, ambition and jealousy of foreigners among the Cardinals, will likely keep the Papacy in Italy, unless the choice is necessitated by political events in Europe. - The agitation in France over the religious question occasions great auxiety at the Vatican. Cardinal Rampolla is in daily correspondence with the Paris Nuncio. The present is considered to be one of the most critical periods in the reign of Leo XIII., so far as regards the position of the Romish Church in France. It is believed that the Vatican is trying to influence Russia to put what pressure it can on the French Government in order to persuade it to modify its attitude toward the Church .- London has just been visited by a fog the like of which it has never before seen. For several hours was the city, to all intents and purposes, plunged in darkness. Throughout the day the street lamps, to say nothing of the lights within doors, were alight, and linkboys made small fortunes by piloting cabs and other vehicles through the street by the aid of torches or lanterns. Many lives were lost owing to persons losing their way and wandering into rivers, canals and ponds. Travel on the water and railroads was extremely dangerous .- It has transpired that when the Governors of the famine-stricken provinces submitted the most gloomy reports to the Central Famine Committee as to the condition of affairs in those provinces the com-

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mittee refused to allow the reports to be sent to the Czar, and insisted that they should be modified before His Majesty was allowed to see them. Mrs. Ada Therpe Loftus, an English woman, Acting under instructions, when the Governors 'removing" President Harrison, was sent to | him that matters in their respective provinces the Bloomingdale Asylum from Bellevue Hos- were satisfactory and that the situation was pital, baving been pronounced insane. She ar- improving. - At present an enormous number Railway, which is to connect Vladivostock, the Russian port on the Pacific, with European Russia. The convicts escape the vigilance of which the line will pass. Murders, mutilations, guns was fired, and the benediction was dellyoutrages upon defenseless women, and robberies | ered by Bishop O'Farrell. are some of the crimes placed to the credit of of tobacco and the people obey them implicitly. Gen. Sewell presiding. Senator McPherson, A somewhat dangerous feature of the matter is | Gen. William S. Stryker, Gen. Horace Porter, the attitude taken against Christians. The and George M. Robeson, ex-Secretary of the walls of Teheran have been placarded with Navy, took part in the exercises.

appeals to Moslems to rise and exterminate the Christians. Political and Industrial. The coal report for West Virgina for 1891 shows that the output has about doubled in the past two years, while the number of men employed has increased 35 per cent. The 1891 report estimates the output for this year as 7,281,430 tons of coal and 1,238,418 tons of coke. There are 4,117 coke ovens in operation, 800 others are in process of erection, and 2,000 more have been contracted for .- It has been given out at New Haven, Conn., by conusel engaged in the case, that the Supreme Court is divided in the Morris-Bulkeley quo warranto suit; that Judges Seymour, Kenn, and Carpenter are of opinion that the law and equity of the case are pect immediately after his installation in office. in favor of Judge Morris, while Chief Justice Andrews and Judge Torrance are of the opinion that the court has no jurisdiction, and that Judge Seymour is writing the majority opinion and Chief Justice Andrews the minority opinion .- The Colored Voters' League, of Allogany County, Pa., has issued a manifesto calling upon its brethren to take some action to "overthrow the politicians who have steadily used the colored citizens of this country as mere political tools to forward their selfish schemes." The manifesto claims that in the distribution of offices the negro is entirely ignored, except Baldwin block of fine business structures in | in the Police Department, and as a rule colored men are appointed on the force just before election, to stand about the precincts, and as soon as the election is over they are discharged. It is understood, at Rockford, Ill., by leading Republicans, that Robert T. Lincoln will be the next candidate of that party for Governor of Illinois. It is said that his life and duties as

home again. The President has transmitted to the Senate his wife at the office of her lawyer, and through his counsel presented a document purporting The North German Lloyd steamer Spree ar- to be an offer of compromise on his part in the whom John Howard Payne gave the original Mrs. C. T. Johnson, of Kausas City, Kan., who "Watch and pray; the Lord has willed it."

A Man of the World. Beggar-Please, sir, will ye lend me a dime

ter git somethin' ter eat. Gentleman-You've got a quarter in your hand now. What's that for? Beggar-That's ter tip th' waiter.

Treaton's Battle Monument. The patriotic people of Trunton, N. J., witnessed, on Dec. 26, the laying of the corner stone of the Trenton Battle Monument, at the who came to this country for the purpose of were given an audience by the Czar, they told Five Points, the spot where the Continental army under Washington routed the Hessian troops under Col. Rahl. On the site now occuhad established his headquarters.

pied by Bishop O'Farrell's residence, Col. Rahl Gov. Abbett, Gen. Stryker, and other men of note were escorted by a detachment of the city troops from the State House to the site of the charged with having stolen a showcase of Mar- their keepers and work their will upon the un- monument. Gov. Abbett laid the corner stone offending inhabitants of the country through | with a new trowel. A national salute of 44

> Commemorative exercises were held at four o'clock in Taylor's Opera House, under the ag-

> The Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of the Cincinnati, and the Sons of the Revolution, each held a banquet in commemoration of the occasion. The monument will cost \$60,000, of which

> \$30,000 was appropriated by the National Government, \$15,000 by the State, and \$15,000 was raised by popular subscription.

> Affairs in Brazil. The trouble in the province of Rio Grande do Sul has broken out again. It was believed and so reported that the appointment of Gen. Osorio as Governor of Rio Grande do Sul met with the hearty approbation of the people, and that

> affairs in the State had resumed their normal as

It now appears that the discontent was only

smothered for the time being, and that beneath the surface their still lingers a desire to cut free from the Federal Government altogether and set up an independent Government. Civil strife exists in various parts of the country. In Pernambuca the Governor was driven from the city by the people last week,

and there was a conflict between the police and mob, several of the latter being killed. Fights between the Government troops and revolutionists are reported on the Uruguay

Silveyra Martinez has been appointed Governor of Rio Grande do Sul, in the hope that he will bring order out of the deplorable state of

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A Paying Business. A profitable business has been discovered as

Minister to the Court of St. James have not Fort Niagara, which consisted in smuggling been at all to his liking, especially since the over Chinamen at the month of the Niagara death of his son, and only his sense of duty to River by privates of the 11th U.S. This proved the Government has kept him at his post. It so profitable that half the men at the fort are is believed that the Spring of 1892 will see him | said to be engaged in violating the law. Deputy United States Marshalaand the customhouse officials at Suspension Bridge succeeded in nabbing John Brau, a private, at his work, The officers at the fort gave up the man, and assured the Marshals that they would lend them every aid in prosecuting the men who have been engaged in this practice. It is said that they have been paid as high as \$50 a head by the Celestials to be ferried over and landed

Ingalis and Plumb.

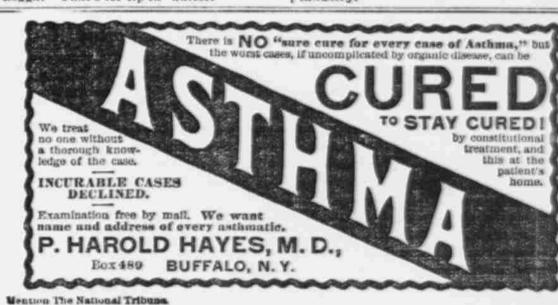
In a recent interview ex-Senator John J. ingalls said of the late Senator Plumb: Plumb's place cannot be filled. The State is not wanting in men of genius, capacity and earning who can add luster to its fame, but the knowledge and skill, the familiarity with methods of legislation obtainable only with long practice and experience, the acquaintance with public men so essential to success-these are not endowments but acquisitions. The Senator who succeeds Plumb must begin where he began 14 years ago, leaving the State mesawhile without prestige or station till they have been earned again."

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Jumped for Their Lives. Chattanooga, Tenn., was visited on Saturday, Dec. 26, with the most destructive fire ever known in that thriving city. The principal retail business houses of the city are in ruing. and the less is roughly estimated at \$650,000. on which there is an insurance of about \$500,-000. Twenty women were taken out of the burning buildings by ladders, but two women were so hadly frightened that they jumped from the third story window of one of the houses and sustained severe injuries, one being so badly hurt that she will probably die.

For Increase of Buty.

The meeting of the tin plate manufacturers which is to be held in St. Louis in January, was called for the purpose of preparing a bill to be presented to Congress, increasing the import duties on tin plate one cent per pound. It is alleged that as the tariff now stands the duty is insufficient to afford adequate protection, as it leaves an opening for old-established tin plate factories in the old world to deluge the American market at a time when such action would be decidedly detrimental to the



Talmage's New-Year's Maxims. Make it the best year of all your life-the brightest, the happiest and the best, writes Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage in his department in the January Ludies' Home Journal. Imbue your heart with the freshness of the morning, your soul with the sparkle of the dawn. Resolve by good deeds and thoughts to make this the most triumphant year of your life. As a series of short maxima to carry with you through this year, let me give you these:

Make every day begin and end with God. Be content with what you have. Have a hearty, joylul family altar in your omestic circle. Fill your home with as much good reading

and bright music as your means will allow. Think ill of none, but well of all, fortune favors you, think of others. Don't shain; be real. Keep busy and you will keep healthy. Respect all sacred things.

Love God. Agents wanted. Comrades preferred. See page 4.

Deaths in the 82d N. Y. John T. Pryer, President of the Association

of the Veterans of the 2d N. Y. S. M. (82d N. Y.), issued the following: With regret, the following deaths of members re announced: Michael Foley, Private, Co. H, 22 Fourth treet, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Jan. 6, 1891. Noble McDonald, Sergeant, Co. I, at 2599 Eighth avenue, on July 22, 1891; buried in

Woodlawn. John Boyd, Chaplain, 138 West Forty-second street, New York, on Nov. 14, 1891; buried in Greenwood.

Agents wanted. Comrades preferred. See page 4. Union Veteran Legion. Encampment 8, Council Bluffs, Iowa, is in a

flourishing condition, having a membership of 80 comrades, all in good standing. Last week they elected the following officers: Col., W. S. Rice; Lieut.-Col., George H. Crisp; Mayor, C. M. King; O. D., David Mack; Q. M., John Fox; Surg., A. J. Cook; Trustee, George Phelps.

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